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Your Excellency,

I am a member of the House of Representatives of Japan and am working as the secretary of the Dietmen's Forum on East Timor. We organised this Forum last November seeking the roles of Japan for internationally acceptable solution of the issue of self-determination in East Timor. Now we have a membership of 72 dietmen from all the parties except the Communist Party. I am writing this letter on behalf of our Forum.

Since last September we have observed the case of four East Timorese students. Taking contact with your Embassy in Tokyo, we are considering what we can do for these students seeking to leave Indonesia. We appreciate very much that you and your office are trying best for the sake of these students.

Recently the YOMIURI, one of the major newspapers in Japan, had an interview with them in Jakarta. According to the report they had been sending the information on East Timor to Australia and Portugal and all of these letters were captured by the Indonesian authorities. Now the Indonesian authorities regards them as FRETILIN supporters.

We believe that the safety of these four students is guaranteed by the efforts of you and your office. But we are just worrying whether they can endure the various physical and psychological pressure posed. So would you kindly hand over our message to them ? At this moment we would like to encourage them not to be desperate.

Please accept our best thanks in advance.

Sincerely Yours

Satsuki Eda

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the United Social
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